IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Katsuhiko ASAI	)	Art Unit:
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For: MOVING MEMBER FOR...	)	Docket No.: ASAI=15

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 13 line 19, of the specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

Suppression of phase change of the surface acoustic wave passing through the slider is not performed at the moment the surface acoustic wave passes the slider, as in the first embodiment, but is performed every moment that the surface acoustic wave reaches the gap portions formed by constructing the projection-arranged portions by a plurality of projections. Therefore, the phase change suppressing effect is improved to a greater extent than in the first embodiment and there is obtained a surface acoustic wave actuator of a higher drive efficiency.

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REMARKS

The above amendment to the specification is being made to place this case in better condition for examination.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with Markings to Show Changes Made**."

Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Paragraph beginning at line 19 of page 13 has been amended as follows:

Suppression of ~~Phase~~ phase change of the surface acoustic wave passing through the slider is not performed at the moment the surface acoustic wave passes the slider, as in the first embodiment, but is performed every moment that the surface acoustic wave reaches the gap portions formed by constructing the projection-arranged portions by a plurality of projections. Therefore, the phase change suppressing effect is improved to a greater extent than in the first embodiment and there is obtained a surface acoustic wave actuator of a higher drive efficiency.